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BOAT CLUB HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE

Popular Lynchburg Social Organization Suffers Heavy Loss.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., December 24.—The clubhouse of the Lynchburg Boat Club, together with all of its contents, including about fifty rowboats, eight or ten canoes, and four or five launches, was destroyed by fire about midnight last night.

The origin of the fire is a complete mystery, but it is thought to have been started either by tramps, who may have been in or about the premises, or by a passing locomotive.

The boat club carried insurance to the amount of \$3,000, and it is understood that some of the members carried enough insurance on property owned by them and stored in the building to make their losses light. Others, however, sustained entire losses, for nothing in or about the building was saved.

When the firemen arrived on the scene the building was about ready to fall. It was completely enveloped in flames, and for that reason the firemen to-day can give no idea of the probable location of the fire's start.

The Lynchburg Boat Club for six or eight years has been one of the most popular social institutions of the city, and nothing has brought more pleasure to a large number of people than this club and its equipment.

ROBBED OF JEWELS

Woman Knocked Down by Thug, Who Stole Handbag Filled With Valuables. CHICAGO, Ill., December 24.—Mrs. C. C. Haisler and her 15-year-old son, Charles, yesterday afternoon fought a robber in the street near their home. After both had been knocked down, the thug escaped with a handbag containing jewelry valued at \$750. Mrs. Haisler had taken the valuables with her on a shopping trip, fearing they would be stolen if she left them at home.

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TAFT CONFERENCES ARE NOT HURRIED

President Takes Plenty of Time With His Many Callers.

MATTERS FULLY DISCUSSED

Change From Methods Used in Old Strenuous Roosevelt Regime.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 24.—It is a curious and interesting little struggle that is being waged by the President and his staff, on the one hand, and the House as to appointments for conferences and the general question of "getting at" the Chief Executive.

And while it wages with deep emotion, and some temporary bitterness, on the part of a few Congressmen, President Taft takes it all as placidly as he does everything else. The real sufferers are Fred Carpenter, private secretary, and Rudolph Forster, assistant secretary. Each of these faithful coworkers of the President and guardian of his health and time, when approached on the subject, simply says that callers, be they congressmen or otherwise, must get used to the grinding of the new machinery. They cannot and must not expect the habits and methods that prevailed in the last administration.

The kicker then was the man who was pushed through the White House with the rapidity of a pig being sent through one of the big packing-houses of the West. The kicker now is the fellow who has such important business that he cannot wait to be ground through at all, and who frequently refers to the ease with which he could see President Roosevelt.

Colonel Roosevelt's Way.

President Roosevelt made comparatively few private appointments, and saw the majority of his congressional and other callers practically on a mere taking one to one side at a time, finishing him or her in quick order, and then taking a few steps to the next one. That's how many good items leaked out of the White House. One caller would say to another, "Mr. Roosevelt was saying to me, and then tell his good newspaper friends. When Mr. Roosevelt did see callers behind closed doors his nervous nature quickly finished the interview unless the subject was one of extreme importance.

In the first part of his administration President Taft could have little privacy, his own room and the waiting rooms being so closely connected that the voices of callers could be heard just outside the closed door.

The New Way.

The new addition to the executive offices has changed all that. The President has a large, comfortable private room separated by a wide hall from the waiting rooms. He does not see the impatient strides of Senator So-and-so as he walks backward and forward across the congressional waiting room, often glancing toward the presidential door to see how soon he will get in. The President is content that he is having a satisfactory talk with the man ahead of the Senator.

He doesn't see the congressional callers going away from Mr. Carpenter's door with wry faces because they have been told that the President's appointment list is crowded for the next week or ten days, and that it will be impossible to make a date before that time. He does not see the half dozen congressmen who have strolled in without appointment, hoping to strike an opportunity to get in anyhow, as they go out sore because in the past they had no trouble in seeing Mr. Roosevelt, even if they did have to wait an hour or two, possibly more.

They know that there will be no chance at all, with the large appointment list of the President ahead.

Poor Fred Carpenter, however, hears and knows it all. Once in a while he ventures to speak of it to the calm big man sitting in the main office.

"Can't you say to the big boss, in that pleasant way of his, 'I want to see and talk with people when they call on me.'"

And he does that very thing, too. Mr. Carpenter makes the appointments at intervals of fifteen minutes during the day. The President generally keeps a caller at least thirty minutes. Result: The schedule is from one to two hours behind each day, but every man who sees the chief executive goes away sure that he has had a chance to tell the President his whole story.

Many times a caller arises from the chair and starts to go. "Sit down," quietly remarks the President, and he goes on in his judicial manner, so most carefully into the subject under consideration, and many times branches into other subjects. He gets information he is after, and gets it in his own way. The caller is satisfied; the President satisfied; the machinery has worked slowly, but it has "got there" in modern language.

"Yes, they will get used to it after a while, and they will like it all right," says Mr. Carpenter. "It's the President's way, and nobody can change him. He dislikes to call time on a caller or indicate that an interview is terminated."

The President plays no favorites. He has no kitchen cabinets. Nearly all men of brains look alike to him. The consequence is that the man who thinks he ought to be a favorite is much put out when he fails to get an interview at the time he asks for it.

The President has been told that his new private office will make enemies for him and that he will be imposed upon by many men who will take advantage of their opportunities alone with him to fairly eat up his time. But he continues in the same way, and there is no prospect of a change.

FUNERAL OF M'LAURIN

Hundreds of Mississippians Pay Last Tribute.

BRANDON, MISS., December 24.—The funeral of the late United States Senator A. J. McLaughlin took place here to-day. Despite a steady rain hundreds of prominent Mississippians took part in the ceremony. Services were held in the Brandon Methodist Church and were conducted by Rev. C. R. Smery.

Floral tributes were numerous, six wagons loads being conveyed from the railroad station to the family residence and church.

Fatal Family Feud. GAINESVILLE, GA., December 24.—A family feud of long standing broke out afresh at a church social at Nimbelsville Church, Lumpkin county, last night. Homer Clark was killed, and his brother, Henry, fatally wounded. Mark Crane, who is alleged to have done the shooting, escaped.

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COURT SEES FRAUD IN EDDY HEALING

Declares That Woman Patient, Who Deeded Property, Was Deceived.

OVER-INFLUENCED WHILE ILL

Promise to Maintain Her Disregarded When She Was Penniless.

NEW YORK, December 24.—Agnes Young, a Christian Science "healer," attacked by the Second Church of Christ, Scientist, took advantage of the illness and financial necessity of her patient, Greta M. Arthur, and by "fraud and undue influence" obtained a deed to the property at 132 Myrtle Avenue, Brooklyn, according to a decision returned by Justice Josiah T. Mearns, of the Supreme Court, Kings county. Justice Mearns orders the deed, which was made December 27, 1907, set aside.

The "healer," in the course of her dealings with her patient, promised to support her if she would deed over her property, and then failed to contribute to her support, after leaving her "practically penniless," with about \$250 from a property worth \$15,500, according to Justice Mearns's findings of fact.

The case was tried by Justice Mearns in special term without a jury. William F. Unger represented Mrs. Arthur. Justice Mearns made eighteen findings of fact in the case. The first and second findings were to the effect that Mrs. Arthur owned the property in question, and that its value was \$15,500, with two mortgages aggregating \$7,500 against it. The third finding was:

"The defendant was a member of the Second Church of Christian Science in New York City, and was what is known as a 'healer,' and was engaged in the business of giving mental and spiritual help to nervous and sick people."

Justice Mearns goes on to say that Mrs. Arthur met Agnes Young, the "healer," in February, 1906, and was a patient of hers until October, 1908. Justice Mearns finds that throughout this period Mrs. Arthur was "ill and in a feeble and nervous state," and that Agnes Young, "as 'healer,' exercised a strong and controlling influence over her."

In findings 7, 8 and 9 Justice Mearns outlined the story of how Agnes Young, the healer, took advantage of Mrs. Arthur's weakness for her financial troubles to obtain a contract of sale, by advancing her \$100. The first mortgage on the property matured in the latter part of 1907 and foreclosure proceedings were threatened. Mrs. Arthur's creditors were pressing her for payment of their claims. Justice Mearns then says:

"Much distressed. 'The plaintiff was nervous and very much distressed, and confided all her affairs to the defendant. The plaintiff, Mrs. Arthur, reposed full trust and confidence in the defendant, Agnes Young, and believed in her implicitly, and did not receive any advice from any third party before she signed the contract of sale.'"

Later Mrs. Arthur refused to execute the contract of sale, and then Agnes Young, the "healer," advised Mrs. Arthur to sue in the Supreme Court, Kings county, in January, 1908, and the plaintiff for her attorneys advised her to do so. Justice Mearns found that Mrs. Arthur made a deed, and in finding 14 Justice Mearns says:

"After the payment of certain debts which the defendant knew the plaintiff was to pay out of the proceeds of the sale of said property, the plaintiff had left the sum of about \$250."

In finding 15 Justice Mearns says: "The plaintiff is practically penniless."

The fact that the betrayal of Mrs. Arthur was made possible by promises to support her after she should render herself destitute by deeding her property, from which the income was \$1,200 a year, to the "healer" appears in findings 15 and 16. In the course of these Justice Mearns says:

"At various times between the signing of the contract of sale on December 27, 1907, and the delivery of the deed on July 14, 1908, the defendant told the plaintiff that she would take care of her and provide for her if the plaintiff would comply with the terms of the contract of sale. The plaintiff relied upon said promises, and relying thereupon, made and delivered a deed to the defendant. At the time defendant made said promises she had no intention of keeping them, and she made such promises with the intent of deceiving and defrauding the plaintiff. Since July 14, 1908, the plaintiff has requested and demanded that the defendant provide for her and support her, as she promised to do, but the defendant has refused, and still refuses, to do so."

Justice Mearns holds the deed void.

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and of no effect, as obtained by "fraud and undue influence." He has appointed Sanders Shanks referee to take charge of the property and settle the mortgages.

SUGAR MEN RELIEVED

Last Havemeyer & Elder Indictment Said to Be In.

NEW YORK, December 24.—When the Federal grand jury adjourned yesterday after considering testimony in the sugar short weighing investigation and hearing several new witnesses, there was a report that the last indictment in the matter of the frauds on the Havemeyer & Elder docks in Williamsburg had been found.

Counsel for the government said last evening there would be no arraignment before a United States commissioner this week. When asked whether there would be further indictments or whether the investigation of the frauds as a result of the investigation of the Arbuckle's books one of the counsel said:

"We must, as in the American Sugar Refining Company case, begin at the bottom and work upward. We have made a beginning, and the investigation will be continued."

It was said that the indictment reported to have been found yesterday was of a man holding a higher position in the company than any heretofore proceeded against. The fact that several of the convicted men who used to be checkers on the docks of the company were in the Federal building for several hours led to the belief that they were called to give evidence before the grand jury. Some of the men deputed yesterday that they intended to accept the invitation of the court and the government counsel to confess.

JAIL IN FILTHY CONDITION.

Corporation Court Judge Will Be Asked to Order Investigation.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ROANOKE, VA., December 24.—Mayor C. C. Haden, Chief of Police Dyer and Police Court Judge Berkeley decided to-day to at once appeal to Judge Staples of the Corporation Court, for an investigation of the filthy conditions existing in the detention department in the city jail. The floors are flooded because of insufficient sewer

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facilities, and the police officials declare that the lives of prisoners, as well as those of the police, are endangered by the situation. Chief of Police Dyer stated to-day that the city stables, used for horses and mules, are far better than the detention department of the jail, while another policeman declared his hogs in the county enjoy better quarters than the prisoners. The jail was built years ago and is out of date.

Spiera—White.

CREWE, VA., December 24.—A pretty home wedding was solemnized here yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, when Miss Grace Annie White, became the bride of Watson Everett Spiera at the residence of Mrs. E. T. Berkeley, the bride's mother. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. W. Phelps, of the Christian church. The bridesmaids were Misses Clara Guttridge and Nina Herring. Mr. and Mrs. Spiera left on the eastbound train for Petersburg. From there they went to Stony Creek, the home of the groom, to attend a reception.

Bondurant—Haden.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., December 24.—Mrs. L. C. Haden announces the approaching marriage of her daughter, Miss Mary C. Haden, to Horace Bondurant, which is to take place at home on Early Street Christmas afternoon at 1 o'clock.

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